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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 (currently amended): A method for preventing repeat printing to a document by a printer,
5 the printer comprising a sensor, the printer capable of receiving the document and
printing data onto the document, the method comprising:
receiving the document;
determining if the document has a printing sign using the sensor;
printing data onto the document with the printer when the document does not have
10 the printing sign;
~~not printing data onto the document with the printer when the document already has~~
~~the printing sign;~~ and
printing the printing sign onto the document with the printer when the document
does not have the printing sign.
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- 2 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the printer prints data onto the document
inside a print area of the document, and the printer prints the printing sign onto the
document outside the print area of the document.
- 20 3 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the printing sign is a sign inside a print area
of the document.
- 4 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the printer further comprises an ink ribbon
and a print head, and the print head heats ink in the ink ribbon to print onto the
25 document.
- 5 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein the printer further comprises a platen roller

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that presses the document against the print head.

6 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein the print head is a thermal print head.

5 7 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the printer prints one color at a time.

8 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the printer further comprises a capstan roller
and a pinch roller capable of driving the document forward and backward.

10 9 (original): The method of claim 8 wherein the printer further comprises a motor that
drives the capstan roller to rotate.

10 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the printer is a thermal transfer printer.

15 11 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the printer is a thermal inkjet printer.

12 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the printer is a dot matrix printer.

13 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the printer is an inkjet printer.

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14 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the printer is an electrostatic printer.